PREPARATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 RECERTIFICATION OF VALUES

The Department of Revenue has recommended a cyclical reinspection of all properties in the Town of Dracut for the fiscal year 2015. This requires a measuring of the exterior of building and also conducting an inspection of the interior of all buildings to ensure that the data in the assessment system is consistent with the actual property and ultimately ensure accurate tax assessments. This process is required so that each parcel is inspected at least once in every nine-year cycle.

The Board of Assessors have contracted with the firm of Vision Government Solutions of Northboro, Massachusetts to conduct the cyclical reinspection.

Vision will be sending two data collectors to start this program in mid February 2012. The data collectors will measure the outside of all properties and attempt an interior inspection, if no one is at home at the time of the inspection a letter will be mailed to the owner requesting an appointment to inspect the interior.

Residences will only be entered when an adult is present.

All data collectors will wear a Vision ID with photo and name. The data collectors will also carry a letter from the Assessors with their name, vehicle make and model and registration number explaining the reason for their visit. This information will be on file at the Assessors office and the Police Department.

There are presently 11, 849 parcels assessed for the fiscal year 2012.

This project will be done in 2 Phases with approximately 5, 924 parcels per phase.

Phase 1 will begin in mid February 2012 and continue for several months in the Collinsville and Navy Yard sections of town. This will include but not limited to Precincts 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9.

Phase 2 will be conducted approximately the same time period in 2013 in Dracut Center, Kenwood and East Dracut. This will include but not limited to Precincts 3, 4, 7 and 8.

Any properties that have not been inspected in 2012 and 2013 will be visited in 2014. The recertification of values by the Department of Revenue is scheduled for fiscal year 2015.